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The following is a response to an Office Communication, dated October 21, 2003. Our firm check in the amount of \$172.00 is enclosed herewith to pay for two extra independent claims filed in a Supplemental Amendment, dated September 29, 2003.

Claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 14-18 are currently pending in the application. The Response to Office Communication pays the extra claim fee as noted. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including the above-listed claims is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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